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SUBJECT: IMPROVEMENTS IN JAPAN'S GENERALIZED SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES
(GSP)

SUMMARY. JAPAN HAS MADE FURTHER MODEST IMPROVEMENTS IN ITS GSP,
EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 1975. EMBASSY RECEIVED NOTE FROM FONOFF DATED
APRIL 21, 1975, ENCLOSING DOCUMENT ENUMERATING THESE CHANGES, WHICH
IS QUOTED BELOW, UNNECESSARY WORDS OMITTED. END SUMMARY.

QTE GENERALIZED SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES
SCHEME OF JAPAN FOR FISCAL 1975

TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION IMPORTANT ROLE GENERALIZED SYSTEM OF
PREFERENCES PLAYS IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES
AND WISHES EXPRESSED BY THOSE COUNTRIES, GOJ INTRODUCED VARIOUS
IMPROVEMENTS TO ITS GSP ON 1 APRIL 1975, AS DESCRIBED IN ATTACHED
SHEETS.

1. ENLARGEMENT OF PRODUCT COVERAGE OF THE POSITIVE LIST OF
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BTN CHAPTERS 1-24.

6 ITEMS HAVE BEEN ADDED TO POSITIVE LIST OF BTN CHAPTERS
1-24. THEREFORE NUMBER OF PRODUCTS IN POSITIVE LIST HAS
INCREASED FROM PREVIOUS 72 TO 76 ON FOUR-DIGIT TTN BASIS.

NEWLY ADDED ITEMS AND PREFERENTIAL RATES OF DUTY ARE AS
FOLLOWS:

BTN NO.	DESCRIPTION	PREFERENTIAL RATE OF DUTY
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0301	FISH, FRESH (LIVE OR DEAD), CHILLED OR FROZEN:	
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EX 1. AQUARIUM OR ORNAMENTAL FISH EXCLUDING CARP AND GOLDFISH	FREE
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0515	ANIMAL PRODUCTS NOT ELSEWHERE SPECIFIED OR INCLUDED: DEAD ANIMALS OFF CHAPTER 1 OR CHAPTER 3, UNFIT FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION:	
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7 OTHER	FREE
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0805	NUTS OTHER THAN THOSE FALLING WITHIN HEADING NO. 0801, FRESH OR DRIED, SHELLLED OR NOT	
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EX 4 (2) HAZEL NUTS	5 PERCENT
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1203	SEEDS, FRUIT AND SPORES, OF A KIND USED FOR SOWING:	
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1 VEGETABLE SEEDS	FREE
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1405	VEGETABLE PRODUCTS NOT ELSEWHERE SPECIFIED OR INCLUDED:	
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EX 1 (2) OF GENUS GLOIOPELTIS	FREE
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1505	WOOL GREASE AND FATTY SUBSTANCES DERIVED THEREFROM (INCLUDING ALANOLIN)	
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1. WOOL GREASE	FREE
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2. REDUCTION OF PREFERENTIAL RATES OF DUTY.

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(1) AGRICULTURE PRODUCTS FALLING WITHIN CHAPTERS
1-24 OF THE BTN.

PREFERENTIAL RATE OF DUTY HAS BEEN FURTHER REDUCED
ON FOLLOWING ITEM.

BTN NO.	PREFERENTIAL RATE OF DUTY OLD NEW
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2105 SOUPS AND BROTHS, IN LIQUID, SOLID OR
POWDER FORM; HOMOGENIZED COMPOSITE
FOOD PREPARATIONS:

EX. HOMOGENIZED COMPOSITE FOOD
PREPARATIONS 15 PERCENT 12 PERCENT

(2) SELECTED PRODUCTS FALLING WITHIN CHAPTERS 25-99
OF THE BTN.

FOLLOWING SELECTED PRODUCT TO WHICH 50 PERCENT TARIFF
REDUCTION WAS APPLIED, NOW ENJOY DUTY-FREE IMPORT.

AS A RESULT, NUMBER OF ITEMS DESIGNATED AS SELECTED
PRODUCTS HAS BEEN DECREASED FROM 48 TO 47 ON A FOUR-DIGIT BTN
BASIS.

BTN NO. DESCRIPTION

75.03 WROUGHT PLATES, SHEETS AND STRIP, OF NICKEL:
NICKEL FOIL: NICKEL POWDERS AND FLAKES:

EX 1-(1) B POWDER AND FLAKES

3. IMPROVEMENT IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF CEILING.
1() PRODUCTS GROUPS

ALL PRODUCTS ARE CLASSIFIED INTO 177 GROUPS, AS
AGAINST 182 IN FISCAL YEAR 1974 (OF WHICH: MONTHLY CONTROL
125, DAILY CONTROL 41, PRIOR ALLOTMENT 11).

(2) PRODUCT GROUPS QUALIFIED FOR FLEXIBLE ADMINI-
STRATION OF CEILING QUOTAS.
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NUMBER OF PRODUCT GROUPS TO WHICH FLEXIBLE ADMINI-
STRATION OF CEILING QUOTAS IS APPLIED HAS BEEN INCREASED FROM
116 TO 118, AS RESULT OF DELETION OF 4 GROUPS THROUGH REARRANGE-
MENT OF ITEMS AND ADDITION OF 6 NEW GROUPS.
NOTE: NUMBER OF PRODUCT GROUPS QUALIFIED FOR NON-APPLICATION OF
MAXIMUM AMOUNT LIMITATION IS NOW 122, AS A RESULT OF ADDITION,
DELETION AND REARRANGEMENT OF ITEMS. UNQTE.
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